



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN BULLETIN
MAY 2007**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
WABA
TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NO MEETING

May 3rd

May 8th

May 17th

Van de Kamp

Wells

Scott

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In Memoriam: Word has come of the passing of former villager Pat Liston (sister to Nancy Solibakke, current villager). Pat passed away March 16th at age 84. She lived in Beaux Arts in the Whatmore cottage from 1961 to 1972 and served as the Town Clerk for most of that time. She moved to Anchorage and then to Lost Angeles, working in the field of data processing. Pat retired in 1987 and moved back to the Bellevue area. She is survived by her son, Shane, four grandchildren, and her sister, Nancy. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Town Marshal Scott reported that the Upper Village had another mail theft recently and urged all residents to purchase and install locking mailboxes. He added that even for those who are diligent about retrieving their mail promptly, an unlocked mailbox is practically an invitation to a thief to steal your mail. (Please see the announcement later in this newsletter about an opportunity to purchase a locking mailbox at a reduced price.)

TRAFFIC DELAYS:

King County has begun a sewer pipe installation project at the intersection of Bellevue Way S.E. and S.E. 113th that will significantly impact southbound traffic on Bellevue Way in early May. Fliers were mailed directly to residents, and we've posted copies on the mailbox stands. For more details, check out the web link: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/projects/BellevueWay/index.htm>.

WABA BEACH CLEANUP: Saturday, May 5th, we will hold the annual BEACH CLEAN-UP. This event is very important to ready the beach for the summer season. Thanks to the many members who have already signed-up for specific jobs. This year's priorities include weeding the perennial beds at the north parking lot, pressure washing and wood splitting. We appreciate the help of all members; please come prepared with gloves, tools and appropriate clothing. Refreshments will be provided at the central barbeque area. **The work party begins at 8:30 AM and will finish when the work is done. Please report to the central barbeque area for your task. Contact Beach Master Jan Johnston if you have questions**

VILLAGER CONTACT INFORMATION: The Green Book will soon be updated. Please take a moment to verify that the information listed for you and your family is correct and up-to-date. If you have any changes, please forward them ASAP to Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov or call her at 425.269.6985. At the same time, if you use a mailing address that is different from your home address or if your email address has changed,

please forward that information to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov or call her at 425.454.8580. We hope to start using email to notify residents of important information – including information from the Town Marshal. Thank you for your help!!!

TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS: Highlights from the April 24th Council meeting include:

- The Council heard an update on the Tree Committee's work to date. Councilmember Clemett reported that the committee includes the following diverse group of members: Council members Clemett and Young, Robin Stefan, John Rose, and Bill Reller. She also reported that the committee has met twice since their formation and is working steadily toward a balanced solution that will meet the Town's needs without being overly burdensome on individual property owners.
- The Council asked Planning Commissioner John Chihak, who was in attendance, to ask the Planning Commission to clarify how the setbacks are measured now that 18-inch eaves are allowed in the setbacks, i.e. should the setbacks be measured to the foundation wall? The siding? Something else?
- The Council heard on update on efforts to obtain FEMA funding to offset some of the Town's clean up and repair costs that resulted from the December 2006 Windstorm. Councilmember Sharp is spearheading this work.

THANK YOU: TOM ROBINSON just announced his resignation from the Council, because he and his family are moving out of the Village. He has served on the Council since April 2002. Tom's primary challenge has been to develop emergency response procedures for Beaux Arts on both the Town level and on the resident level. While this project is ongoing, Tom has laid solid groundwork on which to build this program, and the Council wishes to express its appreciation for a job well done and for continued success in all future endeavors.

COUNCIL VACANCY: Councilmember Robinson's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Council. This position will be up for re-election in the fall, but the Council needs an interested resident to serve now -- at least until the election. If you are interested, please contact Mayor Judee Wells to indicate your interest and to discuss the position and its duties.

THANK YOU: BETSY DONWORTH served a second stint as Deputy Clerk for the Town beginning in 2002. She ran the Building Department for the Town and served the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. As many of you know, she recently resigned. The Council wishes to thank Betsy for her service to the Town.

SPRING TOWN CLEAN-UP: Sunny skies helped to make the April 28th Clean-Up a great success. A group of about 20 Villagers tackled this spring's special project at the Town Water Tower lot. They pulled invasive ivy, blackberry and laurel, trimmed shrubs, hauled wood chips up from the beach parking lot and spread a thick layer over the water tower lot. The area is now prepared for planting of natives in the fall. Five Corners was weeded and more wood chips spread. While refreshment cars and debris pick up truck circulated, Villagers worked on all Town rights-of-way, and 107th residents rebuilt two mail box stands. All enjoyed the company of fellow Villagers, refreshments, and a sense of satisfaction on a job well done. "Thanks" to all the Villagers who participated. All of your efforts are appreciated; it looks great!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8th at Judee Wells' home at 7:00pm.

WABA NEWS

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WELCOME to new Villagers Amber Geary, Brent Nault, and daughters Alexis and Anya, who have moved into the red Durr house on SE 29th!

WOODLANDS: A TREE-mendous THANK YOU to all of the members of the WABA Commons Planning Committee for the Woodlands, especially the Secretary and Hostess, Jan Johnston (a.k.a. the Beach Master), and our fearless Chair, Forrest Kulp. Other members were Bill Armbruster, Joann Bromberg, Carol Clemett, Julie Finnell, Hank Heckendorn, Sylvia Hobbs, Sheila Justus, Jeff Leffingwell, Richard Leider, Helen Lewis, Ken Mahrer, Steve Miller, Kris Moore, Julia Morse, Tom Robinson, Fadia Saruff, Karen Scott, and Andy Stefan. The proposed Vision and Management Plan was presented by the WABA Board and Committee on April 25th. WABA welcomes

comments on the plan, by telephone, mail or e-mail. To request copies of related documents, please contact Julia Morse. Please submit your comments by May 25th.

PARKING PASSES and **UPDATES** will be mailed out this month. If you have received any e-mail notices from WABA, you will be contacted via e-mail again to ask permission to include your e-mail in this private member-only contact list. If you would like to change any information before the update goes out, please contact Julia Morse. Parking passes for guests who park at the beach will be sent at the same time. We will switch to a plastic mirror hanging tag, which will simply have member names and be used year to year. Replacement value is \$5. The passes will be important for making sure that only member vehicles and identified guests are using beach parking lots.

SUMMER BEACH ACTIVITIES: We look forward to offering many great kids activities this summer, and hope that many of you will participate by attending or volunteering to run an activity. Please contact Julia Morse if any of these are activities you would be able to oversee (dates to be determined):

- Meet the Lifeguard: refreshments, short ceremony and beach rules review
- Sand Castle Contest: prizes/ certificates / decorations (optional)
- Sports Field Day/ Triathlon: this is a new event and needs planning
- Water Balloon Toss/ games: bring filled balloons, supervise toss, treats optional
- Rock Diving Contest: with lifeguard, oversee this underwater rock hunt, treats optional
- Treasure Hunt: Plan and execute treasure hunt at beach for older or younger kids
- Movie Night: secure projection equipment and screen and media for families to enjoy a movie night at the tennis court.
- Train Day/Toy Swap: a new idea to have the tennis court available to build a giant brio train village with toy swap tables on the side. As this is a new idea, it would require planning and supervision.
- Art Projects: plan and supervise craft projects, such as kites, mosaic, watercolor, clay, etc.
- Floating Construction Contest: like a milk carton or other boat race, help kids design and build, and then race their own creations.
- Capture the Flag: we have tried to run this activity for older kids on a Friday evening in years past-we need at least two supervisors.

AGAIN, WABA IS SEEKING another co-chair for the Summer Picnic, to be held July 28th, as well as a chair for Halloween activities this year.

CENTENNIAL UPDATE:

The countdown continues, and our committees still need more of you to help in planning many exciting events for 2008! If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Angela Kulp. We'll continue to compile a database of previous villagers for invitations. If you can help us with contact information, please contact Sylvia Hobbs or Barbara Welsh.

HEALTH ALERT:

A reminder has come to our attention from a recent Seattle and King County Public Health publication that *Salmonella* can be transmitted through animals, as well as food. The Center for Disease Control recommends children under 5 years old avoid contact with many animals, and are at risk even with household pets. If you have questions or concerns about this risk, please visit the King County Health website, at www.metrokc.gov/health.

LOCKING MAILBOXES: To purchase a locked mailbox at a reduced price, we need to pool our orders. If you are interested, contact Linda Mui for more details.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- **Phone Book Deliveries** come annually to the mailbox stands. Please remember to pick up your copy expeditiously and recycle!
- There should be **No Door to Door Solicitation** by companies for profit. (Non-profit is OK) If you are approached or have concerns, please contact Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp** if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact: **Town Marshal Walter Scott** or **Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster**